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FM AMEMBASSY BLANTYRE

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SUBJ: PORTUGUESE-MALAWI RELATIONS: ECLIPSE OF JORGE JARDIM?

1. PORTUGUESE CHARGE D'AFFAIRS PROENCA INFORMED US MAY 27
OF FOLLOWING:

A. JORGE JARDIM IS "IN ASYLUM" IN MALAWI EMBASSY PREMISES
IN LISBON. (PROENCA EXPLAINED PREMISES ARE MERELY APARTMENT
MAINTAINED FOR MALAWI AMBASSADOR KACHINGWE, RESIDENT LONDON.
PREMISES ALLEGEDLY WERE ARRANGED FOR BY JARDIM BUT ENJOY
DIPLOMATIC PROTECTION.)

B. GOP ON MAY 28 WILL OFFICIALLY NOTIFY MALAWI GOVT AND
FOREIGN MISSIONS IN MALAWI THAT JAIME P. DE SOUSA NO LONGER IS
AUTHORIZED TO SERVE AS HONORARY PORTUGUESE CONSUL IN MALAWI.

C. JOSE EDUARDO ABREU SILVA MARQUES, FORMER DISTRICT
OFFICIAL IN MUTARARA WHO WAS INSTALLED BY JARDIM IN PORTUGUESE
EMBASSY BLANTYRE TO CONDUCT LIAISON WITH GOM ON BORDER PROBLEMS,
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IS BEING TRANSFERRED IMMEDIATELY.

2. PROENCA WAS ECSTATIC AT THESE DEVELOPMENTS WHICH HE CLEARLY REGARDS AS DEFEAT FOR JARDIM AND PRECURSOR TO RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF GOP/GOM RELATIONS IN "CORRECT" DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS. PROENCA SAYS HE HAS RECEIVED INDICATION FROM PRESIDENT BANDA OF WILLINGNESS RECEIVE NEW PORTUGUESE AMBASSADOR. HE HOPES TO RECEIVE WORD OF NOMINATION SHORTLY WHICH, IF IT COMES ABOUT, WOULD END ALMOST YEAR-AND-HALF PERIOD OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS AT SUBORDINATE LEVEL FOR LOCAL PORT EMBASSY.

3. COMMENT: ECLIPSE OF JARDIM WILL PRESENT SPECIAL TACTICAL PROBLEM FOR PRESIDENT BANDA. FOR LAST SEVERAL YEARS HE HAS INCREASINGLY INTERPRETED DEVELOPMENTS IN MOZAMBIQUE (AND HIS OWN ROLE THEREIN) THROUGH EYES OF JARDIM AND DE SOUSA, TO EXCLUSION OF OFFICIAL PORT REPRESENTATION. UNCERTAINTY ABOUT FUTURE GOVERNMENT IN MOZAMBIQUE AND ITS ATTITUDE TOWARD MALAWI MUST LOOM LARGELY IN BANDA'S MIND AT THIS POINT. IN CIRCUMSTANCES IT WILL BE UNDERSTANDABLE IF BANDA MOVES QUICKLY TO REGULARIZE RELS WITH NEW JUNTA GOVERNMENT.
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